

H.C. Burleigh papers

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Harman Nix Jr. = Sarah Compton  
of Hallowell  
lot 84 cone 1 Amelias  
from N.J. about 1800

Abraham  
of  
Campbellford

Jacob  
of  
Willard Co.

John  
20 yrs in Australia  
& returned to wife

= 2<sup>d</sup> Isobel Rowland, said  
to be sister of Capt. W<sup>m</sup> Skelley

Peter  
to USA  
about 1799

James Henry =  
Ameliasburg  
abt 1870

Stephen Manly  
to Rawdon Tp  
abt 1870

Sophie  
= Peter  
Dempsey

Anna  
= John  
Howard

Rachel  
= Robinson

Hannah  
= —  
Stoneberg

Mary  
= W<sup>m</sup>  
Weese

Eliza  
= Joseph  
Young

NIX





27 Meadowcrest Road,  
Toronto 18, Ontario,  
7 January, 1968.

Mr E.J. Chard,  
PO Box 181,  
Pickering, Ontario.

Dear Mr Chard,

In the last issue of the O.G.S. bulletin, there was a note suggesting that you were interested in hearing from U.E. descendants. In response to this, I am setting down a few details of my background, which I believe to be U.E., but so far have not been able to prove my claim.

Hermanus Nix served in the New Jersey Volunteers under Major Timpney, 10 November 1777 - March 1778, and later under Major Van Courtland from May 1777 (I think that this should read 1778), to February, 1781. At Ottawa, Record Group 8, C 1858, C 1859.

Cornelius Nix, a brother I believe, served in the same group from 1778 to 1783, Record Group 8 C Series.

John Nix's name is recorded in the list of United Empire Loyalists who settled in Ontario, Manuscript Group 9, D4, volume 9, and on a muster roll of disbanded Loyalists, 13 October, 1784 MG 21, 8 168, page 90. John joined the Loyal Rangers in April 1782, and in January and February of 1783 was stationed at Rivière du Chêne, Québec. Thos Fraser was the officer commanding.

From a letter received from Dr H.C. Burleigh of Bath, Ontario, I learned that John was born in Germany in 1750, that he was a man of small stature - only 5'3", and had been settled in Township 6 (Matilda) East of Prescott. Ottawa says that Township 6 was later named Edwardsburgh. John must have left the Province as his name does not appear in the 1796 lists of Loyalists.

When I asked the worthy doctor where he found this data about John, military records, I presume, so that I could research Hermanus and Cornelius, he did not reply. As a matter of interest, my inquiry to him followed his own suggestions to me of "intelligent and thorough search". Perhaps he meant 'of others'.

The only data received from Ottawa comprises muster rolls for the most part. Perhaps there is much more, but my problem may be not asking for the right thing.

According to one P.E. county researcher, E. Calver Young, now passed on unfortunately, Hermanus Nix, thought to be Holland Dutch, married Sophia Tice - I believe that this name should be the Dutch THUIS, or the German THEISS, before sailing for North America. They reputedly settled on a farm in Dutchess County, New York, later to serve in the British army against the rebels. It is believed that he later came to Canada, taking up land in the Brighton-Frankford area. Another John Nix, born New York in 1765 also came to this district in 1796 or a little later. He was the third settler there. It is possible that John was one of two or three sons who accompanied Hermanus. Another of Hermanus's sons, if we are talking about the same family, was also called Hermanus, shortened to Herman. He was born in New Jersey in 1774, and came to P.E. County in 1802-03. I base this date on the statement of one of his

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In the case of the U.S. District Court, there was a very good  
question that was raised in writing from the U.S. Department  
in response to this, I am writing to you in detail of my findings  
which I believe to be true, but no one can say for sure at  
this time.

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neighbours who in 1817, said that he had known Herman upwards of twelve years, as well as on the memory of the second child (first son), that he recalled dimly the journey across the lake to lot 84, con 1, Ameliasburgh

One thing that puzzles me is that Hermanus apparently travelled all the way to New Jersey to join the army. His son was born in New Jersey, too, which makes me think that he did not come from Dutchess County. It appears that many PEE Settlers came from New York, and it may have been assumed that the Nixes did also.

My great-grandfather James Henry Nix claimed Irish descent in the census of 1871, and one or two others in the family have told me the same thing. Probably trickled down from James. I find this hard to credit considering the Dutch origin, surely well-known to him. It is possible that Hermanus was an Irish Palatine, and came over about the same time as Barbara Heck and Philip Embury, the founders of Methodism in North America. The Nixes were almost all Wesleyan Methodists, (I am Anglican, taking after my mother). The "us" ending of Hermanus and of Cornelius indicates Dutch Roman Catholicism, so perhaps they were converted by Wesley when he visited Ireland in 1745. The thought that the Nixes were Dutch is further strengthened by Cornelius's name which is the name of a saint much revered in the Netherlands.

Any thoughts about my problems and suggestions how I might add to my store of family history would be greatly appreciated by,

Yours sincerely,

  
Vincent C. Nix

neighborhood was in 1881. I said that I had known William (son of John) for years, as well as the money in the bank (I was told) that he received from the lottery. I said that I had known William (son of John) for years, as well as the money in the bank (I was told) that he received from the lottery. I said that I had known William (son of John) for years, as well as the money in the bank (I was told) that he received from the lottery.

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Yours sincerely,  
Vincent C. Hill



- List of men of Capt. Thomas Fraser's Comp<sup>y</sup> as are fit for  
active service  
riviere du Chêne 24 Feb 1783.

- Fit for steady service

John Nix

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Names + Particulars of Capt. Thomas Fraser's Coy, Loyal Rangers  
Riviere du Chêne 19 Jan 1783

John Nix, born in Germany, age 32, 5' 3" in height 9 mo. service

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Muster Roll of Township 6, 13 Oct 1784

John Nix, single.

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Who was the John Nix, of Brighton, who was involved in the  
story of Proctor's Ghost?

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Not in U.E. List for Midland District, Oct. - Nov., 1796.

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No Sons + Daughters of U.E.L.

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P.L.B.Q. 586.

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Edmund Marsh, grandson of Matthias Marsh & son of Archibald,  
married Elmira Nix.

Archibald took up land grant in 1802 at Conseccon.



27 Meadowcrest Road,  
Toronto 18, Ontario,  
2 August, 1966

Dr H.C. Lurleigh,

My name is Vincent C. Nix, and I am researching the history of the Nix family in Canada. Is the name to be found in the papers of your society?

Harman (Anglicized form of Hermanus) Nix (from the Dutch Nicolaas), came to P.E. county from New Jersey about 1803. In January 1816, he secured a grant of land from the Crown, being part of lot 84, con. 1 Ameliasburgh.

His father Hermanus is reputed to have come to the Brighton-Frankford district in 1789, accompanied by two or three sons.

I do not know whether it is necessary to recount all such information as I have been able to gather, and I should therefore appreciate a few words from you, even though it is quite possible that your records do not include the name.

Sincerely

Vincent C. Nix

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Replied 4-8-66  
W.O. Papers  
Proctor's Ghost





27 Meadowcrest Road,  
Toronto 18, Ontario,  
17 January, 1968.

Dear Dr. Burleigh,

Thanks very much for your letter of the 14th January and such information as will enable me to dig a little deeper into the history of the NIX family.

I realise that replying to unsolicited letters must be onerous indeed, particularly to a person in your demanding profession. Your association with the U E L must also require a great deal of time and effort.

What you say about the value of personal visits when searching for family history is only too true. I have little hope of finding the time to do this until I retire, and that won't be until 1973. Toronto is just too far from P.E. County, Northumberland County, Ottawa, New York and New Jersey.

In the meantime, I shall continue to seek data by means of correspondence and the occasional personal visit with others interested in genealogy.

Thanks again from,

Yours sincerely,



Vincent C. Nix.

Copy Mr E.J. Chard







